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TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, WB, UK, FR, UR, US SUBJ: ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BY HESS

REFS: A) STATE 42496; B) USBERLIN 0569

- 1. PRESS (DPA) REPORTS THAT HESS JUNIOR HAS REVEALED FACT OF HIS FATHER'S SUICIDE ATTEMPT, AND HAS COMPLAINED OF NEGLIGENCE AND ATTEMPTED COVER-UP BY PRISON ADMINISTRATION. FURTHER HE HAS ADVISED PRESS THAT HE INTENDS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1330 HOURS FEB 28 IN HILTON HOTEL, BERLIN, AND HE WILL ATTEMPT VISIT FATHER AT 1600 HOURS FEB 28 IN COMPANY OF GERMAN DOCTOR AND FATHER'S LAWYER DR. BUCHER.
- 2. IN LINE WITH ESTABLISHED PRACTICE ALLIED SPOKESMEN HAVE DE-CLINED COMMENT.
- 3. FRENCH MISSION HAS ADVISED THAT THEY INTEND TO RECOMMEND TO FRENCH EMBASSY BONN THAT ALLIES SHOULD PROHIBIT PRESS CONFERENCE OF HESS JUNIOR UNDER SO-CALLED OCCUPATION RIGHTS. WE HAVE TOLD THE FRENCH EMPHATICALLY THAT THERE IS NO APPROPRIATE WAY WE CAN ORDER HESS JUNIOR NOT TO TALK TO THE PRESS, AND THAT WE CANNOT AGREE WITH THEIR PROPOSAL.

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4. COMMENT: WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO APPROVE VISIT OF SON WITH FATHER, BUT THERE IS LITTLE OR NO PROSPECT SOVIETS WOULD AGREE. GEORGE

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